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Election With Traverse In Response to Restriction Requirement

This paper responds to the restriction and election of species requirement mailed by the PTO on January 13, 2003. A response is required by February 13, 2003.

Election of Claims and Species

The restriction requirement requires election between Groups I, II and III. The Applicants elect Group I (claims 1, 4-13, 31-37 and 62-65), with traverse. An election is also required between species A through I. Applicants elect Species B (directed to 2 or more pyrotechnic devices networked together and controlled by a bus controller). Claims 1, 4-13, 31-34 and 62-65 are understood to be readable thereon. It should be noted, however, that the Applicants do not concede that the species identified in the restriction requirement accurately characterize the patentably distinct features of the